

Good Afternoon,  
Please see below for the Weekly E-News.

### **Prayer Requests**

| <b><u>Church Family</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b><u>Family and Friends</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Desmond Turner<br>The Family of Nokie Tuttle<br>Jennifer Scoggins<br>Brenda and Ray Cathey<br>Sandy and Ronnie Oaten<br>Kathleen Robinson<br>Chap Tuttle<br>Gary Little<br>Mary Martin<br>Don and Linda Wigley<br>Sam and Rita Leggett<br>Claudia Waddell<br>Pete and Nancy Scercy<br>Shem Logan<br>Margaret Norwood<br>Ron, Sr. and Ron, Jr. Spivey<br><br><b>*Bold lettering: Prayer Request<br/>added/updated this week.</b> | Donna and Bill Benson<br>(Aunt and Uncle of Jennifer Stribling,<br>Great Aunt and Uncle of Elizabeth and<br>Jocelyn Stribling)<br>The Family of Frances Eudy (Jatana<br>Royster's Sister)<br>The Family of Harold Overcash (Father of<br>Sharon Freeze)<br>Ed Beaver (Rick Beaver's brother)<br>Rick Frye (Brother of Sandy Oaten)<br>Carol Garrett (Rev. Elinor Heerman's<br>Sister)<br>Lila Dye (Dianne Horton's mother) |

### **WEEKLY E-NEWS**

#### **Message from Financial Chair, Randy Bunnell**

I wanted to provide an update to the status of our recent financial need. As you know we had unexpected expenses arise to replace an AC unit and the windows at the parsonage. The total cost was approximately \$50,000. Your generosity was overwhelming! We received approximately \$45,000 from the congregation and have paid both invoices in full. Thank you all so much for your dedication to HGUMC - your

kindness is astounding! God bless each of you for what you have done and what you continue to do for our church!

### **VBS Pre-Registration Open**

Vacation Bible School is coming soon! Sign up on the church website!

<https://www.hickorygroveumc.com/vbs-registration-1>

### **Safe Sanctuary Training**

Planning on volunteering for VBS? Join us for Safe Sanctuary Training on Sunday July 26th at 10am during the Sunday School hour and after the 11am service in the Trinity Room.

### **Pastor Morris Full Time at HGUMC**

Pastor Morris's first Sunday with HGUMC as our full-time associate pastor will be Sunday July 5th. He will be mostly leading and assisting in the Traditional and African services. We are so grateful for him and his ministry!

### **Thank You From Snack Pack**

Snack Pack would like to send a huge shout out to the following volunteers. Without their help we could not have a Snack Pack program. Thank you to Kathy Coates, Deborah Roberts, the Wednesday morning bible study group, Sharon Freeze and the preschool teachers for helping make sure the bags get packed each week. Thank you also to Jeff Stribling for making sure the shelves are stocked and everything set out each week to be packed and Randy Bunnell for making sure the bags get delivered every week to Hickory Grove Elementary school. Lastly, thank you to all who donated monetarily to Snack Pack. School maybe out but still keep Snack Pack in mind. Your monetary donations over the summer will help us start off next school year strong!

### **VBS Kid to Kid Mission Project**

We will have a Kid-to-Kid Mission Project at Vacation Bible School, which takes place August 3rd through August 5th. This project is serving neighbors and kids in the community. We will be supporting two projects supported at Hickory Grove UMC:

- WeCare Food and Clothing Pantry - a ministry that helps families in need that live in the Hickory Grove community
- Please bring peanut butter or jelly to support this mission project.
- SNACK Pack - a ministry that supports the highest at need students at Hickory Grove Elementary.
- Please bring canned soup or canned pasta (like Chef Boyardee) to support this mission project.

We will serve dinner each day of camp starting at 5:30pm – 6:00pm. We invite the family to join us.

### **Serve at WeCare**

Grow in the spiritual discipline of service by volunteering at our WeCare Food Pantry & Clothing closet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 10am-12pm. Please make sure your donations are non-perishable. They are in need of green beans, corn,

jelly, carrots, pork n beans, all types of other beans, and cake mix. Anything you can give is appreciated!

### **Rev. De Hillyer's Contact Information**

HGUMC is grateful for Rev. De Hillyer! He is preaching at the Traditional and Contemporary service while Pastor Caitlin is on Renewal Leave!

If you would like to learn more about De, please check out the June edition of the Grove Echoes. If you need to reach De, his phone number is (980) 2534724. He leaves it on 24 hours a day. You can also reach him by text or email: friartuck43@gmail.com.

### **Renewal Leave**

Reminder: Pastor Caitlin began her renewal leave on Wednesday May 27th and will return on July 20th.

### **Paypal Giving**

As of March 9th, we will no longer be using Paypal as a giving service. Please switch your giving over to Realm or visit the church website to give online.

### **Bishop Carter announces new Metro DS**

Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. has announced a leadership transition within the Appointive Cabinet. Beginning July 1, 2026, Rev. David Hockett will be appointed as the Metro District Superintendent. Rev. Dr. Dan Pezet, who has served as Metro District Superintendent since 2021, will return to local church ministry. See the full announcement at this link:

<https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/bishop-carter-announces-upcoming-cabinet-changes-19647635>

### **New Giving Options**

Text to Give - text HGUMCGIVE to 73256 or use the Online giving from HGUMC website. Go to [hickorygroveumc.com/give](http://hickorygroveumc.com/give) and complete the online giving form. All transactions are secure